

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION—ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

On July 18, 2003, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy, in cooperation with the Employment and Training Administration and the Veterans Employment and Training Service, announced the availability of \$2.5 million to award up to four Cooperative Agreements: Ending Chronic Homelessness through Employment and Housing Cooperative Agreements. Each award ranges from approximately \$500,000 to \$625,000 and is designed to increase and improve employment opportunities for chronically homeless persons.

In partnership with this DOL award, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) also announced the availability of \$10 million for permanent housing grants from recaptured McKinney Act monies. These funds will also be used to supplement each DOL Cooperative Agreement effort with a HUD grant award. Each HUD grant award will range from approximately \$2-3 million to support permanent housing for individuals who are chronically homeless.

The goal of these awards is to enable chronically homeless persons to achieve employment, permanent housing, and self-sufficiency. Applicants must apply for <u>both</u> the DOL Cooperative Agreement and the HUD permanent housing grant award. This funding effort is meant to be a collaborative project combining a customized employment initiative with permanent housing services. Specific information regarding this solicitation is provided in the July 18, 2003, edition of the Federal Register Volume 68, Number 138.

Joint applications under this announcement must be mailed to DOL and received by August 20, 2003, no later than 4:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The DOL will not accept faxed applications. Please submit joint applications to the address below.

U.S. Department of Labor Procurement Services Center Attention: Cassandra Willis SGA 03-15 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5416 Washington, DC 20210 For further information regarding the DOL Cooperative Agreement and related items, contact Cassandra Willis, U.S Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, at (202) 693-4570. For technical questions relating to the HUD grant, contact John Garrity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, at (202) 708-4300.

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